GOVERNEMNT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Water Resources Department- Estimates-Annual Maintenance- O&M of Public assets viz. Roads, Buildings, Dams and Canals etc.- "Validity of the Estimates" for the purpose of payment – Orders-Issued.

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WATER RESOURCE (REFORMS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 56 **Dated: 14-11-2024**

Read the following:

1) G.O. Rt. No. 341, Finance (Admn.II-DWA, PAO) Department, dated: 26.02.2021.
2) U.O. Note No FIN01HODSOADWA/1/2021, dated: 05.02.2022 of the Finance Department.
3) Govt. Memo No. ICD01-COOR0MISC/80/Reforms/2021-6, dated: 16.05.2022.
4) Minutes of 8th Board of Chief Engineers' (BoCEs) Meeting held on 28.9.2022.
5) Govt. Memo No. ICD01-COOR0MISC/80/Reforms/2021-14, dated: 06.04.2023.
6) From the Engineer-in-Chief (AW/IW) (FAC), Water Resources Department, letter No.ENC/IW/SE (P&M)/EE.II/DEE 2/AEE (NR)/ Annual Maintenance, dated: 17.04.2023.

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ORDER:

In the Government order 1st read above, a High Level Technical Committee (HLTC) has been constituted with the stakeholders of all the Engineering Departments to study the existing process in engineering works' management, which spans the full spectrum of activities including estimate/ Detailed Project Report (DPR) preparation, administrative and technical sanctions, tender process and contracting, execution and billing, closure and release of deposits, etc., and to make specific recommendations to rationalise and streamline the processes.

2. In the above context, the HLTC has discussed various issues and has made their specific recommendations thereon.

3. In the U.O. Note 2nd read above, the suggestions of the HLTC with regard to the "validity of estimates for Annual Maintenance/Ordinary repair works until the clearance of liabilities" have been communicated to the Water Resources Department, with a request to place it before the Board of Chief Engineers (BoCEs) for the standardization of the procedures and to have uniformity across all the engineering departments and corporations executing the works.

4. Amongst the other matters, the HLTC has studied the existing codal procedure with regard to validity of the Estimates for Ordinary repairs/ Annual Maintenance of various assets such as Roads, Buildings, Irrigation assets, etc.

5. As per Article 198 (b) of the A.P. Financial Code Vol. I, Para 375 of the APPWA Code and Para 136 and 137 of the APPW "D" code, the estimate for ordinary repairs for Roads and Buildings will lapse on the last day of the Financial Year.

6. However, separate dates have been specified for the Irrigation works. In the case of previous year's liabilities, necessary provisions should be made in the current year's estimate to account for the expenditure.

7. After having deliberated on the issue, the HLTC has suggested for relaxing the rule relating to validity of the estimates for AMEs/O&M for the purpose of payment of liabilities, subject to the following conditions and has requested to place the same before the BoCEs for their examination and recommendations.

a. It shall be mandatory for the Engineering Departments concerned, to put inplace immediately, the Manual for the Maintenance of all the assets such as Roads, Buildings, Dams, Canals, etc.
b. The Chief Controlling Officers (CCOs) shall ensure the appropriate provision in the Budget Estimate (BE) to meet the cost of maintenance, as per norms.
c. The DDOs shall prefer the bills invariably in the CFMS, within the validity of the estimate, as stipulated in the Code. The relaxation granted now is only for the purpose of the payments but not for execution of the work.
d. During the according of the technical sanction, the following certificate shall be invariably furnished –

> "Certified that the liabilities are not included in the estimate for Annual Maintenance/O&M/Ordinary repairs etc.& it is prepared strictly adhering to the physical and financial norms approved by the Government and the Provisions made in the estimate are not overlapped".

8. Accordingly, the matter was referred to the BoCEs and in its minutes of the meeting held on 28.09.2022, they have accepted the recommendations of the HLTC, excepting the certification. The Engineer-in-Chief (AW/IW) vide the reference 4th read above, has submitted proposals as follows:

a) The validity of the estimates, stipulated in Para 136 of APPW 'D' Code & Article 198 (b) of the A.P. Finance Code, for ordinary repairs under the Revenue Head of Account, is relaxed for the purpose of payment of the Bills only.

b) For urgent repairs/emergent repairs, the existing procedure as per the codal provisions shall be followed.
c) Further, all the Engineering Departments shall follow the instructions in respect of AMEs / O&M Works as below:

1) It shall be mandatory for the Engineering Departments concerned to put in place the Manual for Maintenance of all the assets, such as Roads, Buildings, Dams, Canals etc. immediately.
2) The Chief Controlling Officers (CCOs) (CEs / HODs) shall ensure appropriate provision in the BE to meet the cost of maintenance as per norms.
3) The DDOs shall prefer the bills invariably in CFMS within the validity of the estimates as stipulated in the Code. The relaxation granted now is only for the purpose of payment but not for execution of work.

9. After careful examination of the matter, the Government hereby issued the following clarifications and orders:

i. It is clarified that the validity of '**estimates**' is dealt within Para 136 of APPW'D' Code & note (i),(ii) and (iv) there under, Para 375 of APPWA Code & Article 198 (b) of the AP Finance Code, for Annual Maintenance Estimates / Ordinary Repairs i.e., Operation & Maintenance (O&M) is for the purpose of the executionof the work and not for payment of liabilities. However, the work done & measured within the validity of the estimates shall only be considered for payment of bills.
ii. The estimate will continue to be in force until the liabilities are cleared.
iii. Henceforth, the Engineering Departments shall ensure that the provision in the estimates shall be confined to the current year maintenance only.
iv. It shall be mandatory on the part of Engineering Departments concerned to put in place the Manual for Maintenance of all the assets viz., Roads, Buildings, Dams, Canals etc., immediately for strict adherence.
v. The Administrative departments/CCOs shall ensure appropriate provision inthe BE to meet the cost of maintenance as per norms.
vi. While according technical sanction the following certificate shall be furnished invariably.

> "Certified that the liabilities are not included in the estimate for O&M and it isprepared strictly adhering to the Physical and Financial norms approved by the Government and the provisions made in the estimate are not overlapped."

vii. The Administrative Departments/CCOs shall review the status of the liabilities every month & ensure that the grants are allotted for their speedy clearance.

10. All the Secretariat Departments, Heads of Departments, Autonomous Bodies and of the Government requested to follow these orders scrupulously.

11. These orders shall come into force with immediate effect.

12. These orders are issued with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide U.O Note No. FIN01-FMU0PC/99/2023-FMU-WR-II (Computer No. 2302445), dt. 16.05.2024.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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